HITS AT RAILROADS

TILLMAN CLAIMS THEY HAVE BOTTLED UP CHARLESTON.

Senator Presents Resolution for Inquiry Into Coal Situation-He Charges That Railroads Dominated

by Hostile Finance, Do South Carolina Port Serous Injury.

Charging that the Southern railelsewhere and that for this reason move coal through the port of Charleston, S. C., Senator Tillman Tues-Norfolk and other Chesapeake bay

to investigate the character and proximity of the coal supply; rates obtainable on coal from fields near Charleston and Norfolk: relations between railroads leading into Charleston and other South Atlantic ports and between these railroads and owners of bituminous fields in Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Kentucky; and conditions of ownership of wharfage property in Charleston and Norfolk.

Senator Tillman set forth that "it appears from numerous complaints before the interstate commerce commission as well as from other sources that the power and influence of the so-called coal trust is being persistently used through the management of the railroads reaching Charleston to prevent the free movement of coa not belonging to the coal trust, practically all of such roads being actually dominated by the same financial interests that control the great coal combines finding outlet chiefly through New York harbor, Philadelphia and the Chesapeake bay ports."

Mr. Tillman declared in his reso-Intion that "in view of the early completion of the isthmian canal and of its importance to the United States navy and of the national defense generally, to the development of an the development of trade with Central and South American countries, the establishment of adequate coal supplying facilities south of Cape Hatteras is deemed imperative, and the only available harbor having sufficient depth for the modern battleships and larger merchant vessels, as well as extensive water frontage for the proper handling of coal, is located at Charleston, S. C."

Arguing that the efficiency of the American fleet and the usefulness of Charleston as a coal distributing center depend upon facilities of producers for reaching that port, Senator Tillman

"The efficiency of the fleet and the usefulness and efficiency of Charleston as a coal distributing centre must necessarily depend upon the facilities of the coal producers for reaching that port, and of their ability to procure distributing facilities, and upon the ability of the shipping interest to procure rating and handling facilities in a manner which should be unqualifiedly accessible to all shippers and carriers alike on the

same terms and conditions. "The Southern railway is dominated by financiers, who are not financially interested in the coal mines of the territory traversed by the Southern railway, but who are interested in coal properties elsewhere, and due to the power and influence of these men it is believed that the Southern railway is not allowed to move coal through the port of Charleston, where coal might become competitive to their larger interests elsewhere.

"As a concrete example of the flagrant abuse of power, the Southern railway, having had for ten years its own rails reaching from Charleston to the great developed coal fields of Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky and reaching developed mines with a present annual capacity of from 12, 000,000 to 15,000,000 tons of coal, which has no other outlet to tidewater, has moved no coal for outlet at that port, and has made no provision for docks, notwithstanding the fact that it controls its own riparian privileges at Charleston.

"It is believed that efforts are now the so-called coal trust to acquire the passenger train near San Jose, Cal., rights for coal docks and terminal facilities in Charleston so as to monopolize the terminal facilities there in the same way that the big interests now dominate New York harbor, Philadelphia, Baltimore and the ports of the Chesapeake bay.

"It is believed that the so-called coal trust is using other railroads leading to the coal fields in a similar manner, not only to destroy private property, but in many instances wholly against the interest of the railroad nesday at Greenville Frank Howell, thus used and tyranically unjust to aged three, fell to the ground, and the country in which these railroads was killed instantly. are located and from which they re ceive their revenue and protection.

"It is believed that these railroads, all being dominated by the same influence, maintain a secret rate-mak- it. All his clothing was burned off his ing body of men in defiance of the body and he was seriously hurt, his law, who 'farm-out' the territory and hands necessitating amputation. make freight tariffs in such manner as to be free from every element of competition and who have practically destroyed the usefulness of the interstate commerce commission insofar state commerce commission insofar as it affect the average shipper and the small shippers on account of the great expense and the extraordinary delay brought about by the tactics of the railroad whose agents resort to every method known to political

trickery. "It is not only necessary in the interest of the naval station and of Charleston as a commercial port, but for the protection of the whole coun- ment of proper laws or the amendtry and particulary of that section ment of existing laws, and that the his injuries. of the country served by the railroads port of Charleston may not be conwhich lead into Charleston, that a trolled by any trust or faction or inthe end that these abuses may be carriers and to all shippers on the Pritchardville, disappeared Friday was hit by a train Wednesday and field Thursday night destroyed the ing up the treasurer. It amounted to barrels of oil were destroyed Mor. as while playing with an "unloaded" .22 thorough investigation be forthwith dividual, but be open to the use and permantely stopped by the enact- same basis.

NO VIOLATION OF SOVEREIGNTY IN MEXICAN TRIP.

As the Seizure of Vergara's Body

Was Accomplished by Individuals, U. S. Does Nothing. Comprehensive reports from Briga-

dier-General Bliss and American Consul Garrett, at Laredo, received at the war and state departments Tuesday cleared up the mystery which had surrounded the delivery on American rancher, Clemente Vergara. The reports completely satisfied the officials that no act has been committed by national or state agents in way was dominated by men not violation of Mexican sovereignty, and financially interested in coal mines that if there were any offense in the in its own territory but in mines removal of the body from Mexico, it was committe by individuals, so the the Southern was not allowed to matter could not be made an international issue.

Secretary Bryan stated that he day introduced a resolution for a would not undertake to prosecute special investigation by the naval af- the persons who obtained the body, fairs committee into advantages of even if he knew their identity, which Charleston as a permanent point for he did not, beyond the fact, establishcoal distribution as compared with ed by General Bliss' report that they were civilians and probably Mexicans. The finding of the body of Vergara The committee would be directed has had the result of advancing the prosecution of the claim against the Huerta government for reparation, and Secretary Bryan transmitted the telegraphic report from Consul Garrett to Charge O'Shaughnessy in the City of Mexico.

It is understood that the primary purpose of this is to disprove the original allegation of the Mexican federal commander at Neuvo Laredo that Vergara had made his escape from captivity and joned the Constitutionalists. With the body in evidence, as soon as further facts as to the character of Vergara's fatal wounds are developed by the investigation Gov. Colquitt is making, Mr. O'Shaughnessy will be prepared to call upon General Huerta to redeem his promise to punish the federal officers who killed Vergara.

Secretary Garrison received from Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, commanding the American border forces, the following report on the Vergara case by Capt. H. P. Howard, of the Fourteenth United States cavalry:

"Investigation shows Vergara was taken from the Hidalgo cemetery Saturday night by relatives of Vergara and hired Mexicans. Captain Sanders states positively no Texas rangers crossed the border. He met the body at a landing opposite San American merchant marine and to Enrique with Undertaker Convery Sunday morning. Convery brought the body to Laredo 7:30 p. m., Sunday. He states there were no signs of burns on the body. Found four bullet holes. Neck chafed but not broken. Body decomposed but pants match coat left at home by Vergara Identification seems reliable. Recov ery of body said to have cost T. Hill, brother-in-law of Vergara, \$400. Body being held at request of Adjutant-General Hutchings. No excitement."

No conflict will arise between the ranchman.

CUTTING IN AIKEN COUNTY.

Paroled Convict Cuts Man and Makes

Thursday afternoon Robert Key, a well known white man of the Silverton section was carried to Aiken, having been severely cut by Calvin Ready, a former convict, paroled by Gov. Blease in 1912. Key had three deep cuts across the back and several across the arm, and the doctors had to take many stitches in his wounds.

Rural Policeman Samuels and Deputy Robinson went to the scene of the trouble but Ready had fled, and it is thought that he has made his escape into Georgia. From the story told by the officers, it seems that Ready was paying attention to a younger sister of Key, and the latter objected to this attention on account of Ready's reputation, and that Tuesday afternoon Ready slipped up to Key and cut him, with the above results.

Chester Child Burned to Death.

The child of Sam Rainey, a negro of Chester, was found dead by its mother on her return home Tuesday afternoon. It had fallen among the blazing wood fire and was horribly burned.

Robbers Kill Railroad Cop. When Michael Guerin, a railroad policeman, resisted robbers who attempted to board a Southern Pacific cup bore engraved upon one of its Thursday, he was shot to death.

Scalded by Steam.

Engineer R. C. Carter, of the Southern railroad was severely burned Saturday afternoon at Newberry, when a bolt on his engine blew off, enveloping him in released steam.

Greenville Boy Falls off Roof.

While playing on the second story of a house under construction Wed-

Live Wire Burns Engineer. While working near a live wire at Chester Robert Bell accidentally hit

After quarrelling with Marks Skarich over the sale of an orchard Tony Klicinovitch, of San Francisco, shot him and his wife and then committed suicide last Saturday.

Dog Gives Life for Boy. Arthur Potts, aged thirteen of Bristol Va. owes his life to the bravery of his dog, who gave fight when a ferocious panther attacked them Fri-

NATION NOT INVOLVED PICKED UP ADRIFT

TEXAN RANGERS CROSS THE RIO GRANDE TO GET BODY.

WERE READY TO GIVE UP

Icy Fingers of Death Are Cheated When Captain and Crew Are Res cued With Clothes Frozen to Their Backs-Four Half Dead When Taken Aboard Rescuing Steamer.

Adrift in the open sea, with their clothing frozen and snow falling, seventeen sailors Saturday prepared for death. Already four of the crew lying in the bottom of the boat were dying, and with night fast approaching hope was gone. But a passing steamer sees their plight and turning about in the barren waste of snow-littered sea, cheats the icy fingers of death.

The steamer Charlemagne Tower, Ir., Saturday sank near the coast of sea. Lifeboats attempted to rescue them but were unable to be launched on account of the high sand bars.

With four men half dead from exposure, the shipwreck crew were Their light attracting the attention the act of passing the small boat.

up. The Bayport put about and discovered the half frozen and snow

A stiff wind prevailed at the time clothing frozen, and numb from cold. In order to make room for the overcrowded cargo, some of the men were forced to lie in the bottom of the boat and these were in worse condition than the others, four of them being restored with difficulty after being taken aboard the Bayport.

Captain Simmons of the sunker ship did not know of the rescue of First Officer Thompson, one fireman and two seamen, until his arrival in port, as when last seen the men were struggling in the surf, their small boat having been swamped. The larger boat put toward the open sea. fearing a similar fate. Unable to make headway in the rough sea. which poured water into their little and depend on being picked up.

They huddled together so benumb came or not. It was 5 o'clock and Illinois 23 snowing hard when they saw the Ohio 22 lights of the Bayport and set off a torch. Had this not been seen and a he and his men could not have sur-

vived many more hours. In explaining the foundering of the Charlemagne Tower, Jr., Captain Simmons said that her bottom seams time to get off in the only two small boats the steamer carried before she Thompson and three men took to the crew crowded into the twenty-foot

boat picked up by the Bayport. PRESENT LOVING CUP.

Ladies of Columbia Honor Dr. Eleancra B. Saunders.

A handsome, silver loving cup, gold-lined, was sent Thursday after- Texas noon to Dr. Eleanora B. Saunders, the woman physican at the State Hospital Virginia "by the women of Columbia, as a token of their admiration for her ability, their confidence in her as a woman, their faith in her integrity of purpose and her unselfish devotion to duty."

chaste, plain sides. The cup is about ten inches high with a bowl shaped vessel about 24 inches in circumference and stands upon a silver banded mirror. The women of Columbia were deeply interested in the part Dr. Saunders played in the recent asylum investigation and numbers of individuals, clubs and committees addressed to her let- young white men of Saluda, Adams ters of indorsement and of sympathy,

giving her complete vindication.

Rescued by Hooks. First officer Hart of the Clyde Liner Cherokee narrowly missed death Thursday at Georgetown. He fell in about the neck and throat. He had head. the water while launching a boat, and a very narrow escape, for it was by had to be pulled out with boat hooks. a hair's breath that his jugular vein

Congratulate Dr. Saunders. At a special meeting of the Palmetto Book Club of Chester a motion was passed congratulating Dr. Saunders upon her complete exoneration in the recent asylum investigation.

Boy Fails to Dodge Autos. Ethen Adams, a seven-year-old Atlanta boy, was seriously hurt Tuescars before beng struck.

Burns Prove Fatal.

His clothes catching fire Sunday night as he was preparing to retire J. W. Nabers, ten years old, of Abbeville, died the next day as a result of Blanche Darn of Campaign, Ill., was

South Carolina Girl Disappeared. A negro section hand of Central Arriving in Savannah to shop with and was found Sunday in Charleston. was fatally injured.

CONVICT NEGRO ROGERS HEAVY DEATH TOLL

CHESTER JURY FINDS HIM GUIL TY OF FOUL MURDER.

One of Three Negro Conspirators Who in the Dark of Night Fired

on a Man Sitting in His Home.

Greenwood Rogers, a negro, charged with the murder of George F. Young, was found guilty of murder More Than a Score Lose Lives When at Chester Tuesday night at 9 o'clock with recommendation to mercy. Mr. Young, a prominent Laurens county planter and owner of Stomp Springs. was killed January 12 at the springs and his home burned over his body. The principal witness for the State, Tom Young, who made a confession, and implicated Rogers and Junk Caldwell shortly after the tragedy, went on the stand and told practically the same story that he related to

the officers.

He swore that murder of Mr. Young was the result of a conspiracy between the three of them entered into the Saturday night before the killing on the following Monday night and that it was planned by Rogers. They went to the Young Virginia, within three-quarters of a home about midnight. Mr. Young mile to safety. The first officer and had not retired. They called him to three members of the crew were the door. Mr. Young walked towards brought ashore. The captain and six- the fireplace when Rogers pushed his teen men took a long boat, but it was gun forward and shot Mr. Young in so overcrowded that they were afraid the right side. Rogers then entered to try landing it over the sand bars the room and struck Mr. Young with that fringed the shore. Snow was an axe, crushing his head. Mr. Young falling as they disappeared in the groaned several times but never spoke.

Robbers then secured what money he could find and then got some meat and other articles. After going out Rogers divided the money with picked up near Barnegat Light off the the other two, carried the meat and Virginia coast Saturday afternoon at other provisions to his house and 5 o'clock during a blinding snow then went back and set fire to the storm, fire miles south of where the Young cottage. Rogers denied all Charlemagne Tower, Jr., foundered. connection with the murder and said he was at home all night, going in of Captain Beranger, of the steamer just at nightfall. His mother swore Bayport just as that steamer was in to the same statement. She swore that she kept a light burning all Snow was falling heavily and it night and did not go to bed herself was fast growing dark. Captain until after midnight, as was her Beranger, who was on the bridge, habit. Rogers denied that he had barely could see the light as it flared made threats against Mr. Young or that he carried a pistol for him.

Ten witnesses were put up by the frozen men huddled in a twenty-foot State and about the same number by the defense. It is stated that Junk Caldewll, one of the three charged and the men were water-soaked, their with the murder, has made a confession similar to that made by Tom

SPENDS LEAST OF ALL.

Expenditures for Public School Chil-

dren Small in This State. South Carolina's standing among the states regarding the expenditure per child is found in the new Russell Sage bulletin on the public school systems of the various states. The

standing of South Carolina is shown by the following comparative state-Idaho 20 Washington... ... \$32 craft almost as fast as it could be California 27 ed and watersoaked that they hardly Montana 24 cared toward the last whether death Colorado 23

Connecticut 22 respone made, Captain Simmons said North Dakota 21 Arizona ... 21 Oregon 21 Rhode Island 21 the vessel being of wood, opened and Utah 20 about 7 a. m. Friday water poured in Minnesota 20 at such a rate that two hours later New Hampshire 20 the ship was filled to her upper South Dakota 20 beams. He and his men barely had Iowa 20 plunged to the bottom. First Mate Pennsylvania 18 Nebraska 18 small boat and the remainder of the Maine 17 Kansas

West Virginia 11 Delaware 11 Kentucky Arkansas Tennessee

Mississippi Alabama That was the inscription which the North Carolina South Carolina

YOUNG MEN ARE HURT.

Two Saluda White Men Suffer In-

juries in Fight. In a "mix-up" Sunday between Wili Adams and Kirksey Walton, two received two gunshot wounds and before the committee made its report Walton had his throat cut. The affair occurred at the home of young Walton, some seven miles west of Saluda. One of the wounds received by Adams was in his arm and the other in his leg. Walton was pretty severely cut

> was not reached. Have Fatal Quarrel on Train. Welch, W. Va., were mortally wound- as the result of injuries received. ed Tuesday in a pistol fight on board train. Another participant was shot through the thigh.

Lightning Kills Engineer.

While workin on a wire unday when hit by a speeding auto. The charged with electricity, Frank little fellow succeeded n dodging two Sloan, of Columbia, was killed Saturday when lightning took the wire on the outside.

> Because all her friends called her Nellie Be Darned". Miss Nellie married to Clyde M. Jinks. Negro Killed by a Train.

And Now She's Nellie b' Jinks.

ST. LOUIS CLUB HOUSE FIRE RE-SULTS IN THIRTY DEAD

FLAMES FLARE IN NIGHT

Unexplained Fire Guts Seven-Story Club House-Manager and Wife Badly Burned in Saving Fifth

That from thirty to thirty-five guests of the Missouri Athletic club, located at St. Louis, perished in the flames that destroyed the building explaining that previous to his ill-Monday morning is the present belief of officers of the club. Seven bodies have been recovered and from that ever since then he had been untwenty-three to twenty-nine occupants of the structure are still un- things he said: accounted for. At sundown firemen searchlights.

glass windows across the street. When firemen arrived flames were shooting out of the roof and all the where to turn. windows above the second floor. Men

neighboring hotels. Thirty-eight guests on the fifth Robert Magill, who refused to leave until they had given the alarm to all within reach. Mr. Magill was house the sake of refreshing your minds, manager of the club. Mrs. Magill was badly burned.

The fire fighters repeatedly dodged one falling wall only to find themselves under another tottering mass of granite and brick. Theodore Levy I feel as though I were serving with of Louisville, Ky., clung to a window sill until both his hands were scorched almost black. Just as he was about to let go a fireman grasped grasped him about the waist and carried him down a ladder. Levy said two of the men who had been killed jumped from the window to which he

had clung. As walls and floors collapsed they sent showers of huge embers on to roofs of neighboring buildings and for a time threatened to cause a general conflagration in the heart of the retail district. All fire fighting apparatus of the city was brought to Trouble Over Line Ditch Results in

The telephone operator, a boy, remained at his post on the ground

escape to him. the street immediately in front of the building. It was feared the last the crowd and wounded Sam Evans two remaining walls would collapse and Troy Miles.

and bury them. Judge C. Orrick Bishop, assistant circuit attorney, roomed on the sixth brothers, Miles or Huggins at once Smoak came here with me Sunday foor. "The sound of flames crackling like giant firecrackers awakened me," said Judge Bishop. "There was a fire escape in front of my window. I ran down the six flights. I saw several men jump and bounce off the sidewalk like rubber balls. I was tween Hicks and the Evans boys, only slightly bruised."

SAVED COLORADO MONEY.

Maryland 10 Both Sides in Strike Zone Quiet While

Congressmen Were Present. Representative James F. Byrnes returned to Washington Thursday from Colorado with the other members of the sub-committee of the commonth been investigating the coal arduously at work and was almost were on their good behavior while and the governor was able to withdraw the militia, declaring to the congressmen when they left that their visit had saved the state \$100,000. Mr. Byrnes remarked, with a smile. that fighting commenced again in the mining district almost immediately

after the sub-committee departed.

Aims at Snow; Kills Woman. Mrs. Joseph H. Schwab, 71 years old, of Catasauqua, Pa., was instantly killed when Davis Schnellhamer, 19 years old, shot at a snowball. The bullet struck Mrs. Schwab in the

Snoring Caused Riot.

Because Joseph Post, a sleeper in a Patterson, N. J. mission home, snored so loud the other sleepers rose up in revolt. Post was taken to a hospital

Policeman Shoots Robbers.

M. E. Cole, a fireman on an Ala-

bama railroad was killed Friday by

his engineer, following a fight in the

School House is Burned.

Oil Explosion Fires House.

The explosion of a lamp at Edge-

incendiary fire Monday night.

cab.

In a running fight with three robbers at Brooklyn Saturday a lone policeman and two of the robbers were fatally wounded. Fatal Fight in a Cab.

Killed While Hunting.

last Saturday afternoon by the acci-Red Knoll school house near Lex- with him. ington was destroyed by a supposedly

Bandits Get \$14,000. Two bandits, armed with revolvers Friday afternoon secured the payroll of a St. Louis Shoe Factory by hold-

WILL CUT OUT SMOKING

TILLMAN'S RESOLUTION PASSES ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY.

Galleries Cheer Speaker as He Makes Address Promising His Colleagues

a Longer Life. In calilng up his resolution to pro-

hibit smoking during the executive sessions of the Senate, in the cloak rooms, Senator Tillman Monday afternoon made explanatory comment which interested and amused the galleries to such an extent that the vicepresident had to check their applause. The resolution was adopted almost unanimously without a roll call.

The Senator addressed his colleagues for perhaps fifteen minutes, ness four years ag .he smell of tobacco had not affected his health, but able to endure it. Among other "A majority of the Senators are

continued the search for bodies in the smokers, and unfortunately, a vicious smouldering ruins under the glare of habit has so mastered them that they are nervous and miserable when they The cause of the fire was a mys- do not get the nicotine poison which tery. Reports that the blaze was ac- soothes their nerves. I have found companied by a terrific explosion, in- my Democratic colleagues so intent dicating that the fire was due to ef- on gratifying their feverish desire to forts of bank robbers to dynamite the smoke that they feel compelled to Boatmen's Bank, were unconfirmed. light cigars in the caucus, so that I The fire was discovered by a wo- have almost had to leave or sit by an man, who was waiting in the club open window, for my very life de lobby for her escort. She saw the pends upon a full supply of pure air reflection of the flames in the plate So I am beset with the danger of be ing driven out of the party and of the Senate itself, and I do not know

"I believe I would lengthen the life were jumping from windows or of every man in this chamber from climbing down ropes made of bed six to fifteen years if I could only get clothes. More than a dozen jumped them to believe what I tell them and several stories to roofs of adjoining follow my advice. I owe what degree buildings and suffered broken legs or of recovery I have made-and I am less serious injuries. Those who es- constantly being told that I look a caped unhurt ran about the streets in great deal better, and I know it is so night clothes apparently frenzied, -to will-power and self-control in until they were forcibly carried into eating. "Since I was paralyzed four years

ago, and read my own obituary, loor were awakened by Mr. and Mrs. twenty-one senators, including Vice-President Sherman, most of them younger than I, have died. Just for and impressing you, I give you the list as copied from the Record. No wonder, as I look around the chamber and see the changes that have come and miss the many old familiar faces, chosts as well as living men.

"There is no doubt in the world to in service would be: 'He lived not wisely but to well, and killed himself Smoak. eating.' Indeed, that can be said about most men and women in official life in Washington."

KILLING NEAR COWARDS.

Fatal Shooting.

floor even after the firemen began about two miles above Cowards in pouring water into the building. Florence county, Herbert Evans, Sam Many of the guests credited their Evans and Jesse Evans, all brothers, At six o'clock Monday morning. Bishoff Huggins were filling up a line send me a copy of your paper toand John B. Miles, Troy Miles and four hours after the fire had been ditch between the Evanses and John discovered, the blaze was believed to B. Hicks. John B. Hicks, upon behave been under control. Half an ing informed that these men were at hour later, however, the boilers in work filling up the ditch, it is said, the basement began to explode and immediately got his shot gun from for the first time the firemen under his residence and went to the spot order of their chief withdrew from where the men were working and, it is alleged, without a word, shot into

> From the information gathered it seems that either one of the Evans opened fire on John B. Hicks and fatally wounded him, Hicks exclaiming, "Don't shoot any more; you have killed me; take me home," death reis said, arose about the line ditch bewhich has been standing for years, and it appears that both sides were well armed and ready to kill.

WANTS IT PAID FOR.

Lever Wants Government to Pay for

Destruction of Ursuline Convent. Representative Lever introduced bill in the House Wednesday directmittee on mines, which has for a ing the secretary of the trasury to pay \$350,000 to the Ursuline Constrike in that state. Mr. Byrnes said vent, at Columbia, for the destructhat the committee had been kept tion of the convent by Federal troops under General Sherman in 1865. worn out. Both sides in the strike Many corroborative documents were filed with the bill. Mr. Lever is the sub-committee was in Colorado pushing the claim not only because it believes it just, but because he wishes to establish in the national records the truth of history as to who burned Columbai. There s a widespread impression in the north that Confederate troops did it.

Con Shoots Negro Burglar.

Seeing a negro climbing in through the transom of a Spartanburg grocery ordered, a Spartanburg policeman of the LaVilla public school. shot him through the foot, receiving the laconic reply: "All right, cap, I'm acoming."

Baby Killed by Powder Blast. George Seno, a three-year-old boy of Punxsutawney, Pa., heated a poker and placed it in a keg of powder. The explosion wrecked the house and killed the child. The mother; who was upstairs, was badly burned.

Negroes in Jail Try to Kill.

the negroes sentenced to death for Panama-Pacific Exposition. murdering Mrs. Seth Irby, Saturday attempted to hang Robert Paschal. their partner in the crime, in the Atlanta penitentiary Saturday.

Hamp Guinn of Gibson was killed

dental discharge of a gun in the hand of a young lad who was out hunting

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AWAY GENRAL ASSEMBLY ENDS

SEVENTEEN RESCUED FROM SEA

IN BLINDING SNOW STORM.

Little Fifteen-Year-Old Girl From

the Enormity of Her Crime. After a search which began last Saturday afternoon, when Estelle McCluney, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mc-Cluney, proprietors of the Richmond House, mysteriously disappeared from her home in Jacksonville, Fla., she was located at Charleston Sunday afternoon by Chief of Police Cantwell and Officer Brinker. A young man, whose name is said to be George Hudson, of Charleston was

also detained. The McCluney girl and Hudson will be used as witnesses against Hay- hours debating the matter, for a demy mind that this great mortality mond H. Smoak of Savannah who is among us is due to the way we live accused of white slavery. Paying in Washington. A fitting epitaph for the girl's transportation for Jackmost of the senators who have died sonville to Savannah for immoral purposes is the charge against

When interviewed by a reporter the girl said that she was 15 years old, but she does not look that old, and her mother claims she is not. She proved a clever talker and spoke and the near-difficulty between the very freely of her plight. That she does not realize the seriousness of her predicament was evident from While the House waited for the Senher query as to the amount of pub-Saturday night about 10 o'clock licity that is being given to her. "Will my arrest here be in the made the echoes ring with hymns and

> asked the reporter. "Will you please When asked why she had left home she replied: "They accused me of running around in the streets in Jacksonville, something I never did, and my mother ill-treated 'me." When asked if Raymond Smoak, the Savannah man, charged with luring her away, had given her any money,

> she said: "Yes, he gave me some money, and I also pawned my watch." In answer to other questions by the reporter her replies were: "Mr. he said that he would be back in two weeks. I didn't know that he

I read it in a paper." Smoak is 20 years old and was arrested in Savannah early Wednesday morning by Detective Long of the Savannah police force, who was appointed special white slave officer for the case. He is a married man, hav- sentatives and Lieutenant Governor ing been wedded about five months Smith of the Senate wielded the ago to a young woman somewhat his gavels in the two bodies and an-

and manner. Sunday night the girl sat in her mother's lap in the police barracks sides of the capitol. This fact was in and hugged, kissed and patted her the minds of the members and lawand asked her not to take her back makers wrung the hands of Speaker to their home in Jacksonville. Her Smith and Lieutenant Governor mother said little and seemed to be Smith at parting, thanked them for

terribly distressed. As evidence in the hearing which will be given the accused man will be a page from the register of the St. John Hotel, which bears the signature he used, it is said, when he signed the names as of a married couple. A batch of letters, that the white slave official says will play a strong part in the case, were found in the possession of Hudson, accord- chief of police of Walterboro, shot ing to Mr. Long, and are also being and probably fatally wounded Shealy taken back as evidence. The Mc- Bennett, who lives near there Sunday Cluney girl at the time she left her night at twelve o'clock. The trouble store, who refused to come down as home was a pupil in the sixth grade arose, it is said, from the act of Ben-

> Murderer Hung for Crime. the penitenitary at Hartford, Conn.

British House of Commons have pe- his recovery, five bullets entering his titioned the Government to reconsid- body, some of which punctured the George and William Hart, two of er its refusal to participate in the abdomen and lungs.

> Killed Woman and Suicides. After killing Mrs. Mabel Garcia,

Cuban, and owner of a cigar factory Woods, and has since disappeared. Victor Reynolds, an employe and suitor of New York committed suicide Saturday.

Gasoline Soaked Coat Sxplodes. An explosion of an overcoat which berton, N. C., lumber company, was Robert Wolfe of Brazil, Ind. was instantly killed Wednesday when he cleaning with gasoline, caused the fell across a cut saw. loss of his eyebrows.

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As House Waited for Senate to Adjourn Legislators Gather Together

and Sing Familiar Songs.

The general assembly ended its 1914 session in the early hours of Jacksonville is Apparently Ob- Saturday mornin- The House finished its business and adjourned sine sessed With the Hope of "Seeing die at 1:25 and the Senate followed It in the Papers"-Doesn't Realize suit at 2:15. The upper branch spent several hours behind locked doors debating whether or not to confirm the nomination of Dr. W. L. Settlemeyer, of Gaffney to be a memher of the board of regents of the State Hospital for the Insane. Final adjournment was reached without taking a vote and Dr. Settlemeyer will hold as ad interim appointee and come before the Senate of 1915 for

confirmation or rejection. The Senate on Wednesday night refused to confirm the appointment of Dr. Settlemeyer, but Gov. Blease promptly nominated him again and sent the nomination back to the Senate Friday. That body spent several termined fight was made to prevent confirmation, and the Senate seeing that no action could be reached ad-

journed sine die. The close of the session was calm and peaceful, not even a ripple ap pearing on the surface after the stormy scenes of the previous night during the delivery of the message by Gov. Blease in person to the House governor and Representatives N. B. Barnwell and W. F. Stevenson. ate to get through the members gathered in a group near the door and

Savannah and Jacksonville papers familiar songs. and in the Atlanta papers, too?" she The usual resolutions of thanks were passed. Everybody was happy and every one shared in the relicitations. Members parted with one another with regret, for friendships are formed which last through life, and it's always sad to part with a friend. Many of the members will not come back. Some will run for other offices and some will not offer for re-election, and there is always

the tinge of sadness hanging over the breaking up of any gathering. The senators shook hands Saturday morning as they passed through the lobby of the capitol to return to their homes, and they included the have married me, and when he left newspaper reporters who had been handling the session in their list of friends. Warm friendships are formsulting immediately. The trouble, it was married until last night, when ed between the newspaper men and many of the lawmakers, for the close personal contact of day after day nat-

urally brings them to know each other well. Probably for the last time Speaker M. L. Smith of the House of Reprejunior. He is described as an at- nounced sine die adjournment. Both tractive young man, easy of speech of these officials are candidates for governor and next year new presiding officers will hold sway on both

> their fairness and uniform courtesy and wished them God-speed.

HAVE SHOOTING SCRAPE. Walterboro Altercations Expected to

Have a Fatal Ending. Grady Griffin, assistant to the

nett sometime ago of attempting to

give trouble to the family of Griffin on account of a school boy quarrel. When the shooting occurred, it apsought to use a knife, and there are several gashes in the clothing of Mr. A majority of the members of the nett say that there is little hope for

Both of the parties are white. Saw Cuts Man in Two. Zere Wilson, an employee in a lum-

Empty Gun Kills Another.

Convicted of having killed William pears that Mr. Bennett was attempt-Wakefield in order to marry his wife ing to take from Mr. Griffin the pistol last June James Plew Wednesday which Mr. Bennett alleged belonged paid for the crime with his life at to him. It appeared that Mr. Bennett England May Reconsider and Exhibit. Griffin. Doctors attending Mr. Ben-

> Cuts Man and Hides. Albert Ratteree of Chester on Saturday night seriously cut Herbert

Johnny Adams of Goldsboro, N. C., Thirty-two buildings and 100 000 was accidentally killed Wednesday